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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:
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FOR: FAST DISINTEGRATING TABLETS AND
METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

a. 3. (Amended) The surface-modified powder comprising a pharmacologically active ingredient according to claim 1, wherein the surface modifying base material is at least one member selected from light silicic anhydride, talc, stearic acid, magnesium stearate, calcium stearate, starch, titanium oxide, citric acid, malic acid, adipic acid, hydrous silicon dioxide and calcium carbonate.

b. 4. (Amended) The surface-modified powder comprising a pharmacologically active ingredient according to claim 1, wherein the surface modifying base material is at